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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 29th and 37th meetings, on 4 May and 18 June 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.29 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/64/584 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/64/673 and Corr.1);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/64/660/Add.7).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.42

4. At its 37th meeting, on 18 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire"

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(A/C.5/64/L.42), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 1924 (2010) of 27 May 2010, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 30 June 2010,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 63/289 of 30 June 2009,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 64/___ of ___,* as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2010, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 36.1 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

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* See A/C.5/64/L.57.

[1] A/64/584 and Corr.1 and A/64/673 and Corr.1.

[2] A/64/660/Add.7.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give consideration to making the fullest possible use of the facilities at the logistics hub at Entebbe, Uganda;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

12. *Decides* to establish five additional National Officer posts and six additional national General Service posts in the Medical Services Section;

13. *Emphasizes* the continuing efforts of the Facilitator of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and his Special Representative in supporting the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire;

14. *Notes* the financial situation of the Programme de sortie de crise of the United Nations Development Programme in support of the Facilitator and his representative, and in this regard urges Member States to provide the Programme de sortie de crise with voluntary contributions;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276 and 64/___;*

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

18. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

19. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 514,490,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, inclusive of the amount of 485,078,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 24,909,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,502,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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20. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 514,490,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, at a monthly rate of 42,874,200 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010 and 2011, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

21. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 13,222,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 10,800,200 dollars approved for the Operation, the prorated share of 2,062,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 360,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

22. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 7,016,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

23. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 7,016,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Further decides* that the increase of 47,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 7,016,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

[3] A/64/584 and Corr.1.

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".